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Information Bulletin: Red Willow Dam

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The reservoir elevation of Hugh Butler Lake this morning is 2556.03 feet, content of 7,578 acre-feet. Additional precipitation caused runoff conditions resulting in the reservoir elevation to continue to exceed target levels. The target elevation is between 2,554 to 2,552 feet in elevation to assure the safety of the downstream areas and structure.

The release from Red Willow Dam was increased to 190 cfs on June 22, 2010. The release will be maintained for now to reduce the reservoir pool below the target elevation. It is emphasized that there have been no unusual seeps, leaks or sources of water detected by the current investigations.

Boat Ramp Status--The boat ramp extension at Hugh Butler Lake has been completed. The boat ramp with the extension is located near the marina area.

Reclamation conducted a public meeting on February 18, 2010 to inform the public of current and future activities related to Red Willow Dam. The presentation used at the meeting is available on the website address indicated below.

Reclamation initiated the Corrective Action Study and the evaluation of alternatives to remediate the dam safety issues at Red Willow are ongoing at this time. The study is on schedule.

The downstream channel continues to be monitored as appropriate. No problems are being experienced at the current discharge rate.

The area below the dam remains limited to public access during this time.

Current updates and information are available at: www.usbr.gov/gp/nkao/redwillow/

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